GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Collection of Highway Cess
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government collects Highway Cess from petrol and diesel sold in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of Cess collected and spent during the last three years, State and year-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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(a) and (b) The Government collects Cess on Petrol and High Speed Diesel (HSD) as per the provisions of the Central Road Fund (CRF) Act, 2000 amended by the Finance Act from time to time. The Ministry of Finance is the nodal Ministry for the collection of such Cess on Petrol and HSD.
The funds accrued under the Central Road Fund (CRF) during 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 were Rs. 19,263 crore, Rs. 26,108 crore and Rs. 69,809 crore (provisional) respectively.

This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs).

The year-wise allocation and expenditure / release of share of Cess earmarked for NHs during last three years are as follows:-
Amount in Rs.crore
Year Allocation Expenditure / Release
2013-14 9881.95 9881.95
2014-15 13741.84 13697.05
2015-16 29326.85 29015.34

The development of NHs under various phases of National Highways Development Project (NHDP) is financed through NH share of CRF Cess, Toll Remittances and funds raised through Internal & Extra Budgetary Resources (IEBR) by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). However, specific State/Union Territory (UT) wise details of such funding through CRF are not maintained. Part of NH share of cess under CRF is also earmarked for some projects under NHDP taken up through State Governments and development of other NHs/Roads.

This Ministry also allocates funds to the States/UTs for development of State Roads(Non-Rural Roads) under the CRF scheme. The funds for development of State roads under CRF scheme are allocated to the States/UTs on the basis of 30 percent weightage to fuel consumption and 70 percent weightage to the geographical area. The fund under CRF is non-lapsable. Apart from this, the Ministry also allocates funds for development of State Roads of Economic Importance and Inter-State Connectivity (EI & ISC) as per the CRF Act, 2000 amended by the Finance Act from time to time. The State/UT-wise details of the CRF accrual and releases and allocation and Release/Expenditure under EI & ISC schemes during the last three years is at Annexure-I & II respectively.